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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this Patent Application, particularly in view of the following remarks.

Restriction/Election

The Examiner alleges the subject U.S. Patent Application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species I drawn to an article for measuring drug transfer with a polyolefin substrate;

Species II drawn to an article for measuring drug transfer with a PTFE substrate; and

Species III drawn to an article for measuring drug transfer with a substrate made from metallized film, poly(methyl methacrylate), poly(vinyl alcohol), poly(ethylene oxide), poly(ethylene terephthalate), polycaprolactam, poly(hexamethylene adipamide), poly(α -1,6-D-glucose), polydimethylsiloxanes, or poly(cis-1,4-isoprene).

The Examiner requires election of a single species and alleges no claim is currently generic.

In response to the above identification of species, Applicants assert, as is disclosed at page 7, second paragraph, of Applicants' Specification, a polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) substrate is a polyolefin substrate. Therefore, claims directed to a PTFE substrate should be properly classified in Species I, as identified by the Examiner.

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Applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Species I for prosecution on the merits. As PTFE is a polyolefin, Applicants respectfully assert Claims 1-24 read on elected Species I, as identified by the Examiner.

Conclusion

Applicants intend to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. If the Examiner detects any issue which the Examiner believes Applicants have not addressed in this response, Applicants' undersigned attorney requests a telephone interview with the Examiner.

Applicants sincerely believe that this Patent Application is now in condition for allowance and, thus, respectfully request early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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